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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Wastewater Treatment Plant

July 26, 2018

### Attendees:

Chairman E. Ray Weaver, Andrew Tedford and John Anderson. Also present Robert I. Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Matthew Daskal, Financial Analyst; Louis Spadaccini, Town Attorney; Steve Seigal, Tighe & Bond; Tim Webb, Ellington WBSA; Patricia Plympton, Michael Santilli and Diane Gillis, 9 River Street; and Michael Winkler, 20 Gottier Drive.

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:30 p.m.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Patricia Plympton – 9 River Street: Ms. Plympton is protesting the sewer use bill for 9 River Street from September 2017 to present because the property has been vacant for over a year and the water has been shut off. She referenced a letter that was submitted to the Authority detailing her request for a credit.

Michael Santilli – 9 River Street: Mr. Santilli said the water meter was shut off on March 9, 2017. He would appreciate it if the authority could review and consider their request.

Chairman Weaver said he would like this matter to be on the next agenda; he would like the entire authority to peruse and judge on this matter. Chairman Weaver asked Mr. Daskal to provide an account history and examples of reimbursement/credits at the next meeting.

### MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 28, 2018

Mr. Tedford, seconded by Chairman Weaver, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the June 28, 2018 Regular Meeting as amended to include the date of June 28, 2018 on the first page of the minutes. The motion passed (2-0-1) with Mr. Anderson abstaining.

### UPDATE ON TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE

Mr. Seigal reported that the upgrade is on schedule and on budget relative to the 60% complete design documents. He has provided those documents to DEEP for review as well as Mr. Grasis to be shared with the Authority. Mr. Seigal estimates that an aggregate of 30% for the entire upgrade will be eligible for DEEP grant funding. He expects the final 70-75% design cost estimate will be reviewed by Tighe and Bond by the end of October of this year. Chairman Weaver said that he and Mr. Grasis updated the Town Council at its July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Grasis spoke to an updated schedule and said he has asked that the next cost estimate be completed a week earlier than scheduled. Mr. Grasis explained that he has to ask the Town Council to make a recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Commission in order for the Commission to review this project.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS SEWER USER ACCOUNT #5436

Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Anderson made a motion that the Vernon Water Pollution Control Authority, pursuant to the authority given in Connecticut General Statutes, Section 1-200 (6) (B) and (D) hereby moves to go in to Executive Session to discuss Sewer User Account #5436 and invites Robert Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Matthew Daskal, Financial Analyst, Water Pollution Control, and Town Attorney Louis Spadaccini to attend the Executive Session.

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The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0) and the Authority entered into Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

#### ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

#### PLANT SUMMARY

Mr. Boske reported that the plant is running well. He updated the Authority on nitrogen & phosphorus discharges for June, chlorine usage and septage. Mr. Grasis updated the Authority on current activities which included: As-built surveys are still needed for the Scranton sewer line; the Pleasantview bridge construction is complete and the bypass is finished; the Ford Escape was purchased and is in use; underground storage tank training was conducted; bids for the replacement of the Talcottville generator are under review and the replacement generator should be installed in the fall; an internal interview was conducted for the Lab Analyst position; DW Transport, the new sludge hauler, is doing well; and the cost to fix the east primary clarifier was \$18,300. Regarding the aeration blowers, which are not scheduled to be replaced until 2022-23, Mr. Grasis said that the manufacturer's representative looked at system and will provide an estimate for the repair. Also: the #1 air compressor for the carbon regen needs an overhaul and will cost approximately \$17,000 because all the parts are custom made; in order to replace the O ring on the Zimpro pump, the oil had to be changed as well; and the sewer manholes were reset on Route 83 between Wilshire Road and the intersection of Union Street and West Street.

#### BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Mr. Daskal said that most notably this year, the proposed schedule adjusts the billing from a quarterly process to a bi-annual billing. Additionally, the due date would be changed from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. A discussion took place relative to notifying sewer users regarding these proposed changes. Mr. Daskal presented the proposed rate structure: Well rate decreases from \$77.71 to \$76.25; minimum usage rate changes from \$27.61 to \$30.50 and septage remains the same at \$75.00 per 1000 gallons. Mr. Anderson asked that a draft of the brochure/flyer to be sent to sewer users, be provided at the next meeting.

#### SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF SEWER USE CHARGES, AND FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Tedford, resolved that the Water Pollution Control Authority schedules a Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m. on August 23, 2018, in the Conference Room at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, 100 Windsorville Road, Vernon, CT so that citizens may be heard concerning a proposed schedule of user charges, establishing collection and disposal of sewage as a service of special benefit nature, and establishing user charges for the collection and disposal of sewage within the Town of Vernon. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

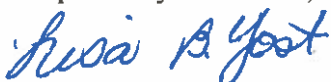
#### ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

None.

#### ADJOURN

Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Anderson made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost, Secretary, Water Pollution Control